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## President's Message

By Scott Sandel

Happy holidays everyone! I hope that everyone in the San Diego Bromeliad Society isn't experiencing too much holiday-related stress. If you feel that you are behind on your holiday list or other to-do list, my recommendation is to get outside and work on your plant collection. We are lucky to have this fun and stress-relieving hobby, aren't we?

I must admit that I have enjoyed two years serving as the president of our society. The job has been made easy through the work of so many people who volunteer their time. It takes a village! On a related note, I am very happy to be welcoming our new board members and officers for 2019. There will be more about that discussed at this weekend's holiday party, and we will participate in the election of a new president.

I look forward to seeing many of you this weekend. Some of you I will be seeing Saturday, since Bird Rock Tropicals is having their big holiday



*Billbergia 'Hallelujah' and 'Mariposa' sharing space on a log.*

open house and sale at the nursery in Encinitas.

On Sunday, I hope to see many of you at Stephen Zolezzi's house in El Cajon for our holiday party. Due to a conflict with December Nights at Balboa Park, we decided to switch the meeting place for this month, and Stephen graciously offered his place. The event will start at 11:00 (not 10:00). Earlier, you were sent an email with driving directions as well as an email with the flyer for the event.

At the event, we will enjoy our normal potluck style lunch, except that the club will bring beverages and the main course; see the flyer for details. There will be a free plant raffle provided by the club. In addition, all members should bring a special bromeliad for the gift exchange (again, as described in the flyer that you received). So there will be lots of excitement with the plants on display.

Happy Holidays, all!

# November Meeting

In the November program, we had an exciting presentation by local collector Greg Dauss and his bromeliad growing experience.

For Show & Tell, we started a competition format. We voted in three categories. Each category is representative of a traditional sub-family of the Bromeliaceae – Tillandsioideae, Bromelioideae and Pitcairnioideae. Here are the winners:

## Best Bromelioideae

Billbergia 'The Joker' (unregistered)  
Brought by Greg Dauss

## Best Pitcairnioideae

Dyckia 'Brittle Star' x Paylen x Keswick (unregistered)  
Brought by Al Evans

## Best Tillandsioideae

Tillandsia latifolia var. leucophylla  
Brought by Nancy Groves

Finally, the club voted on new board members and officers. Here's the election results.

# Upcoming Events

## SDBS Meetings

Sunday, December 9, 2018 @ 11 AM

SDBS Holiday Party  
Stephen Zolezzi's House  
1850 Calle del Conejo  
El Cajon, CA 92021

[www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org](http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org)

January December 12, 2019

SDBS Holiday Party  
Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104  
[www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org](http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org)

## SDBS Events 2019

SD Home & Garden Spring Show  
Del Mar Fairgrounds  
March 1, 2 & 3, 2019

SD Botanic Garden Spring Festival  
San Diego Botanic Garden  
March 16, 2019

SDBS Display at the Del Mar Fair  
Del Mar Fairgrounds  
June 1 – July 4, 2019

SDBS Annual Show & Sale  
Balboa Park  
June 2019

## Monthly Meetings

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 PM  
San Diego Orchid Society  
Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 1 PM  
San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society  
Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101  
[www.sdcss.net](http://www.sdcss.net)

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7 PM  
San Diego Epiphyllum Society  
Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101  
[www.SanDiegoEpi.org](http://www.SanDiegoEpi.org)

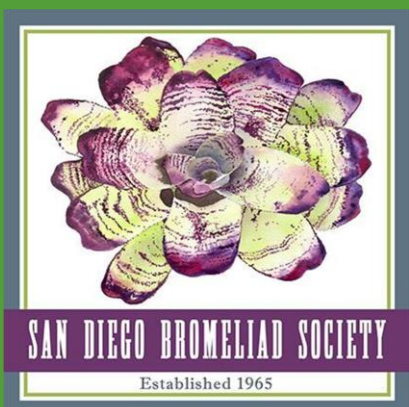
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 5:45 PM  
San Diego Horticultural Society  
Congregation Beth Israel (CBI)  
9001 Towne Centre Drive  
San Diego, CA 92122  
[sdhort.org](http://sdhort.org)

## SDBS 2019

### Officers & Board Members

President	Accepting Nominations
Vice-President	Stephen Zolezzi
Treasurer	Al Evans
Secretary	Ruth Contino
Board Director	Morlane O'Donnell (2019-2020)
Board Director	Kerry Nelson (2019-2020)
Board Director	Bob Walters (2019)

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contribution before the 20<sup>th</sup>  
of the month for inclusion in the  
next newsletter.

## SDBS MEETING

The club meets on the second  
Saturday of the month at 10am in  
Balboa Park, Casa del Prado,  
room 104.

## SDBS WEBPAGE

[www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org](http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org)

## Help Needed!

If you can help with the Dec Nights tree decorating, please meet in Casa Del Prado Rm 101 on this Thursday, Dec 6 at 9:30 AM. If you can donate or LEND any Tillandsia to hang on the tree or any potted flowering Broms to place around the bottom of the tree, we need some. If LENDING PLANTS AND WANT THEM BACK, please tag with your name and they will be returned Sun. Dec 9th.

Nancy Groves will bring dry brom blooms sprayed silver, lights, garlands and ornaments. Plus, Al Evans picked up some nice Kent-donated bromeliads. It will be a really good-looking tree.

Take down of the tree is Sunday, Dec 9 from 8:30AM to 9:30AM. Tree will go directly to the party to be raffled for \$10 for each ticket with the donated (not the lent) Broms on it. Need someone with truck or people to get tree into my van.

Please call or email NANCY if you can help on Thurs or Sun."

Thanks, Nancy  
(858) 952-6154  
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P.S. plants are only on display 3 days and are watched and room locked when not on display; never had a plant disappear.

## SDBS 2018

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